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Deputy Mairéad Farrell
Dáil Éireann
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PQ ref 50513/21 – Respite Services County Galway

Dear Deputy Farrell,

I refer to PQ ref 50513/21 uploaded on the PAD System on 13th October 2021 and due for response on 3rd November, 2021 regarding representations that you have received in respect of Respite Services in County Galway. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

Since the commencement of the Covid 19 pandemic in March 2020 all respite services within HSE facilities were suspended for the protection of patients, services and staff.

As of August 2021 HSE Respite Services in Community Healthcare West (CHW) began to reopen on a phased basis subject to Public Health Guidelines in relation to Covid 19. CHW is committed to the provision of Respite Services which are a valuable asset to families caring for relatives in their own homes. However, it is important to note that in the interest of patient safety all decisions regarding Respite Services are taken in light of current Covid19 status.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely,

Shannon Glynn
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